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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Minoru Kuroda)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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